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MSHDA Adds New Division to Support Governor's Key Initiatives – Cities of Promise and Cool Cities

In an effort to support two key initiatives created by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has announced its newest division. The Urban Revitalization Division has been created under the leadership of Granholm to provide adequate support to the Cool Cities and Cities of Promise Initiatives. These initiatives are central to transforming Michigan's economy. These two programs are interagency initiatives and rely upon strong state/local partnerships, and are key in making the necessary economic improvements in communities across Michigan.

James Butler III has been named as the Director of the Urban Revitalization Division and his leadership is expected to be a great asset to the Authority. James was most recently the Vice President of the Michigan Broadband Development Authority, and previously was a business unit executive for IBM Global Government for Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

In addition to Mr. Butler, Karen Gagnon transferred from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth where she was the Cool Cities Coordinator and will continue that role at MSHDA. Julie Hales-Smith, currently with the Cities of Promise Initiative at MSHDA will become the Manager of Cities of Promise within the Division.

The creation of this new division will provide permanent support to the two initiatives. It will build the necessary partnership with other state agencies to create the positive work that will greatly benefit cities, towns and villages across Michigan.

Upcoming Conferences in Michigan

Downtown revitalization, homeless issues and asset management are all topics that will be covered in 2007 by MSHDA and other industry leaders at upcoming conferences in Michigan.

- MSHDA's **Community Assistance Team (CATEam)** will be hosting the Downtown Revitalization Conference on **September 18, 19 and 20** at the Park Place Hotel and Traverse City Opera House in downtown Traverse City. The conference will bring together community leaders to discuss the creation of successful

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strategies and case studies for attracting new investment, jobs and young professionals to city centers. For more information, please visit the conference Web site at:

www.michigandowntownconference.org or contact the CATeam at (517) 241-1737.

- The second annual **Summit on Ending Homelessness** will be held **October 15 and 16** at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The summit brings together hundreds of leaders in the industry to discuss homeless issues and work on the statewide 10- year plan to end homelessness, which was rolled out at the 2006 Michigan Homeless Summit. For more information regarding the Summit please visit the MSHDA Web site at:

www.michigan.gov/mshda or contact Juliann Kline at (517) 241-1440.

- The **Office of Asset Management** will be hosting the **Asset Management and Contract Administration Fall Conference** on **September 12** at the University Club in East Lansing with Housing and Urban Development, Michigan Multifamily Asset Manager and Extension of Professional Service Contract. The conference hosts property managers from around the state. For more information please visit the MSHDA Web site at: www.michigan.gov/mshda or contact Susan Hengesbach at (517) 335-2713.

MSHDA GRANTS

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Local Contact Telephone #</u>
CRITICAL NEEDS GRANTS		
Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault	\$2,650	(810) 667-4193
CITIES OF PROMISE		
City of Highland Park	\$200,000	(313) 252-0050
Genesee County Department of Human Services	\$45,600	(810) 760-2200
CDBG COUNTY ALLOCATION		
Presque Isle County	\$150,000	(989) 734-4822
Otsego County Housing Committee	\$175,000	(989) 731-7520
Monroe County	\$300,000	(734) 240-7003
Chippewa County	\$200,000	(906) 632-3363
HOUSING RESOURCE FUND		
Staircase Youth Services	\$11,000	(231) 843-3200
U-SNAP-BAC Non-Profit Housing Corporation	\$300,000	(313) 640-1100
Safe Shelter	\$12,000	(269) 925-1725
Catholic Social Services of Grand Rapids	\$36,142	(616) 356-6215
ICCF Non-Profit Housing Corporation	\$9,875	(616) 336-9333

MSHDA'S APRIL PRODUCTION FIGURES

<u>MSHDA Program</u>	<u>Number of Loans</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Homeownership	148	\$ 14,765,386
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	8	\$ 111,527.24

JUST A REMINDER

We have a standing offer for any members of the media who would like to have MSHDA staff either appear on radio talk shows or television news broadcasts, or provide guest columns or articles for publications. Raising public awareness, for low- and moderate-income residents throughout the state, of MSHDA's many affordable housing options is always a well-received subject in any news medium, and we would welcome any opportunities you can provide.

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